

### REMARKS

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has objected to claims 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11 because of several informalities. In order to overcome this objection, Applicants have amended claims 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11 in order to correct the deficiencies pointed out by the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 7, 8, 9 and 11 have been rejected as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claims 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being incomplete for omitting essential elements, such omission amounting to a gap between the elements.

Claims 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11, *as best understood*, have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 193(a) as being unpatentable over Vella (US 2002/0091363) in view of Ahnosorge et al. (US 2003/0505344).

The advantage of this invention is that it avoids a large scale methodology and uses a small scale methodology to avoid capital expense and the transport and disposal of horse urine.

By modifying an apparatus of the kind disclosed in USA 2002/0091363 the large scale methodology disclosed in US 2003/0105344 is avoided.

By using a cartridge absorber disposed in the collecting apparatus on the animal, for example a horse, the hormones are extracted in situ without having to collect the urine in large containers and transport it to a central processor where such a large quantity needs to be disposed of in an environmentally acceptable way. In this invention the urine is disposed of in the

paddock. This invention lends itself to the collection of urine from individual or small herds of animals which was not feasible prior to this invention.

In view of the above, consideration and allowance are, therefore, respectfully solicited.

In the event the Examiner believes an interview might serve to advance the prosecution of this application in any way, the undersigned attorney is available at the telephone number noted below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees, or credit any overpayment, associated with this communication, including any extension fees, to CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21854-00070-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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